GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DROUGHT CONDITION IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal requesting assistance due to drought;

(b) if so, whether the Kerala had 40% downfall in rain in the drought season;

(c) if so, the assistance sought by Kerala in this regard;

(d) the actual amount released and foodgrains provided by the Government to the State;

(e) whether a Memorandum of the State given has shown about 900 crores as loss sustained by Kerala State Electricity Board;

(f) if so, whether this loss conforms to the norms of the schemes; (g) if so, whether this loss has been ascertained; (h) if not, the reasons therefor; (i) whether the Government propose to give relief to the State for such loss; and (j) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (j): According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the rainfall during South-WestMonsoon 2002 in Kerala was deficient by 35%.

The State Government had submitted a memorandum seeking assistance of Rs.1047 crore from theNational Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) which included Rs.921.00 crore to meet the loss incurred bythe State due to shortage of power generation. A Central Team had visited the State and its Report was considered in accordance with the items and norms of expenditure for assistance from Calamity ReliefFund(CRF)/ NCCF and assessed at Rs.13.57 croreNo amount was admissible to the State from the NCCF as the amount assessed was within the available balance in the CRF of the State.Entire Centralshare of CRF for 2003 amounting to Rs.55.60 crore and 0.10 lakh MTs. of foodgrains for relief employment have been released to the State.